Vizhinjam Port in Thiruvananthapuram

4620. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any project of the Government of Kerala for the development of Vizhinjam port in Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala State is pendign for sanction;

(b) whether Government have already undertaken or propose to undertake any project to develop Vizhinjam port; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R BAALU) (a) to (c) The responsibility for the development of ports other than major ports lies with the State Government concerned which also have administrative control over such ports under the provisions of Indian Ports Act, 1908. The responsibility for the development of Vizhinjam port, which is not a major port, lies with the Government of Kerala. Therefore the Central Government has not undertaken or propose to undertake any project to develop Vizhinjam port nor any sanction is pending with the Department of Shipping.

Amount spent on Golden Quadrilateral

4621 SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the works under Golden Quadrilateral Schemes of construction of highways;

(b) the amount of money spent up to 31st March, 2005 and the sources of money; and

(c) in what way this quadrilateral would cover the major cities of the North - Eastern States including Agartala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The Status of the Golden Quadrilateral component of the National Highways Development Project as on 31.03.2005 is as under:

Total length	5,846 km
Completed	4,697 km
Under Implementation	1,149 km

(b) An amount of Rs. 21,397 crore has been spent on Golden Quadrilateral project upto 31.03.2005. Sources of Money are cess/market borrowings, external assistance and private sector participation.

(c) The Golden Quadrilateral does not extend to the North-Eastern States.

By-pass on Kota-Zhalawad road

†4622. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entire traffic passes through the main roads of the city in Kota in absence of by-pass;

(b) whether a proposal was sent to the Ministry in 1996-97 to construct a by-pass on Kota-Zhalawad Road on National Highway No.12 and the action taken so far on this proposal;

(c) whether due to the negligence and indecisiveness of the Ministry, the city of Kota has to face the tragedy of accidents and the costs involved in its constructions has gone up manifold; and

(d) by when this by-pass would be sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) In order to reduce traffic congestion and possible accident inside Kota town there is a proposal to construct the Kota by-pass on National Highway-12. Action in this regard was initiated by sanctioning an estimate for feasibility studies and project preparation in January, 1999. However, subsequently a part of this by-pass became common with National Highway-76, which also forms part of East-West Corridor. National Highways Authority of India has been entrusted with this work along with National Highway-76 by-pass to Kota. The work is expected to be taken up by National Highways Authority of India in July 2005 subject to clearance by Ministry of Environment and Forest

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